

1. (Amended) A solid composition comprising a meiosis activating substance (MAS) and an additive which is a protein or a phosphoglyceride.

5. (Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the MAS is selected from the group consisting of 4,4-dimethyl-5 α -cholesta-8,14,24-triene-3 β -ol; 4,4-dimethyl-5 α -cholest-8,14,24-trien-3 β -ol hemisuccinate; 5 α -cholest-8,14-dien-3 β -ol; 5 α -cholest-8,14-dien-3 β -ol hemisuccinate; (20S)-cholest-5-en-3 β ,20-diol; 3 β -hydroxy-4,4-dimethyl-5 α -chola-8,14-dien-24-oic acid-N-(methionine) amide; and cholest-5-en-16 β -ol.

14. (Amended) The composition of claim 2, wherein the water content is below 5% (weight/weight).

15. (Amended) The composition of claim 14, wherein the water content is below 1% (weight/weight).

16. (Amended) The composition of claim 3, wherein the organic solvent content is below 5% (weight/weight).

17. (Amended) The composition of claim 16, wherein the organic solvent content is below 1% (weight/weight).

18. (Amended) The composition of claim 4, wherein the MAS content is below 20% (weight/weight).

19. (Amended) The composition of claim 18, wherein the MAS content is below 10% (weight/weight).

20. (Amended) The composition of claim 19, wherein the MAS content is below 5% (weight/weight).

Please add the following claims:

21. (New) The composition of claim 1, wherein the additive is a protein.
22. (New) The composition of claim 21, wherein the protein is human serum albumin.
23. (New) The composition of claim 22, wherein the human serum albumin is recombinant human serum albumin.
24. (New) The composition of claim 1, wherein the additive is a phosphoglyceride.
25. (New) The composition of claim 24, wherein the phosphoglyceride is selected from the group consisting of phosphatidylethanolamine, phosphatidylcholine, phosphatidylserine and phosphatidylinositol.

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-12 and 14-25 are pending following entry of this Amendment.

The amendments to the claims and the newly added claims find support inter alia in the originally filed claims and at page 2, lines 1-5 of the specification.

REJECTION OF THE CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

The Examiner rejected claims 5 and 10-14 under section 112, second paragraph as indefinite because:

- 1) the use of "comprising" in the phrase "various MAS which is selected from the group comprising" in claim 5 is open ended and it is not clear if Applicant intends a Markush format: and
- 2) claims 14-20 are inconsistent with claims 2-4 which recite the content of water, organic solution and MAS respectively in percentages with (weight/weight).